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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AGENDA FOR 1977 MEETING OF JOINT STAND-
ING COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

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1. DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED AGENCIES AGREE TO OUTLINE
PER REFTEL A AND BELIEVE AGENDA SHOULD RESULT IN POSITIVE
DISCUSSIONS BY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE AT SEOUL, MAY 31
THROUGH JUNE 2. PLEASE ADVISE ROK TEAM LEADER LEE BYONG
WHIE OF U.S. TEAM CONCURRENCE WITH AGENDA OUTLINE AS
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STATED REFTEL A AND OF OUR EXPECTATION OF CONSIDERABLE
PROGRESS IN A NUMBER OF THE AREAS IDENTIFIED. FYI. WE
NOTE DELETION OF TIDAL POWER DISCUSSION BUT WILL CON-
SIDER IT AS ONE POSSIBLE TOPIC UNDER AGENDA ITEM II C(1)
OF REFTEL A. END FYI.

2. DEPARTMENT ACCORDS HIGH PRIORITY TO PRE-MEETING BY

EMBASSY IN MORNING MAY 31 WITH U.S. TEAM IN ORDER TO REVIEW U.S. POSITION ON ITEM-BY-ITEM BASIS. KEY ITEMS OF INTEREST INCLUDE STATUS ROK THINKING ON KORI 5 AND 6 AND U.S. BIDDING POSITION VIS-A-VIS FRENCH. IN THIS CONNECTION, AND NOTING NO FORMAL EXIM BANK POSITION AT

THIS TIME, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND:

(A) EXIM HAS NOT RECEIVED FORMAL INQUIRY FROM EITHER U.S. VENDORS OR ROK CONCERNING FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS FOR KORI 5 AND 6;

(B) FYI. EXIM BANK INFORMAL VIEW IS THAT (RE AGENDA ITEM (1)(E)(1) UP TO 80 PERCENT OF POWER PLANT FOREIGN PORTION, OR APPROXIMATELY \$937 MILLION, COULD POSSIBLY BE FINANCED WITH 50 PERCENT BY EXIM AND 50 PERCENT COMMERCIAL BANK LOANS. EXIM COULD GUARANTEE APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF COMMERCIAL BANK LOANS WITH 10 PERCENT AT RISK BY THESE BANKS. TYPICALLY, THE EXIM PORTIONS HAVE REPAYMENT PERIODS OF 10 OR 12 YEARS WITH PRIVATE FINANCING REPAYMENT PERIOD OF 5-7 YEARS. FUEL FINANCING TO BE HANDLED AS A SEPARATE EXIM LOAN AND WOULD INCLUDE REPAYMENT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. END FYI.

3. (A) RE ITEM (1)(E)(3), NRC PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH ROK DEVELOPMENT OF PACKAGE INVOLVING IAEA OR OTHER MEANS TO FACILITATE ASSIGNMENT OF TECHNICIANS AT KECO OR AEB EXPENSE TO SUPPORT NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PROJECTS.

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(B) RELATEDLY, THE TRAINING OF KAEB PERSONNEL MAY BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER SMALL NRC PROGRAM OF ALLOWING REGULATORY AGENCIES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ROK, TO ASSIGN ONE OR TWO OF THEIR PERMANENT EMPLOYEES (SAFETY EXPERTS) WITHIN THE NRC STAFF FOR UP TO TWO YEARS. NORMALLY, SUCH ASSIGNMENTS ARE AT THE EXPENSE OF SENDING GOVERNMENT; HOWEVER, LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS CAN OBTAIN IAEA FELLOWSHIP ASSISTANCE, IN SOME CASES, TO COVER TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES. NRC HAS NOTIFIED NAS (WHICH MANAGES THE IAEA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR TRAINING IN THE U.S.) OF US INTEREST IN OBTAINING IAEA ASSISTANCE FOR KAEB PERSONNEL. NRC WILL DISCUSS AT MEETING IN SEOUL KAEB'S SENDING THEIR PROPOSED CANDIDATE FOR ASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE NRC LICENSING STAFF FOR 6-8 MONTHS AS REQUIRED. LAFLEUR (NRC) WHO IS MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO INTERVIEW PROPOSED ASSIGNEE HAHN OF KAEB DURING HIS STAY IN SEOUL.

(C) FURTHER, NRC IS WILLING TO CONSIDER ANY SPECIFIC

PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATION IN REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH.
NRC ALSO PLANS TO SEND ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS OF ITS
OFFICE OF SAFETY RESEARCH TO VISIT SEOUL WITHIN THE
NEXT FEW MONTHS WHEN KAEB HAS DEFINED FOR US THE PROJECTS
ON WHICH THEY WISH TO COOPERATE.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND
ANY DETAIL AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY ON THE NEW ITEMS SUG-
GESTED BY THEM IN AGENDA OUTLINE INCLUDING: (1)(D)5,
6 AND 7; (1)(E)2 AND 3; AND (1)(G)(1). U.S. SIDE PRE-
PARED TO DISCUSS EACH OF THESE ITEMS IN GENERAL TERMS
WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON REACTOR SYSTEM STRATEGY
IN CONTEXT OF (INFCEP) INTERNATIONAL FUEL CYCLE EVALUA-
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